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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC FLASH 5450

AMEMBASSY BANGKOK FLASH

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y - TAGS INFORMATION

E.O. 11652: XGDS (1)

TAGS: PINS, LA

SUBJECT: ATTEMPTED COUP IN VIENTIANE

1. EARLY MORNING AUGUST 20 FORCES APPARENTLY LOYAL TO GENERAL THAO MA AND COL BOUNLET SAYCOCIE LAUNCHED COUP ATTEMPT AGAINST PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA PHOUMA.

2. ACCORDING TO RTOF SOURCES, WATTAY AIRPORT, AND ITS AMMO DUMP ARE IN UNFRIENDLY HANDS. NATIONAL RADIO IS ALSO IN HANDS OF INSURGENTS, AND GENERAL MA HAS MADE THREE BROADCASTS ANNOUNCING COUP, MA CLAIMS, HE IS IN CONTROL OF CITY, INCLUDING AIRPORT, BANK, TREASURY, RADIO AND PRIME MINISTER. HE CALLED SITUATION "CRITICAL" AND APPEALED TO
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PEOPLE TO RALLY TO HIM SINCE PRIME MINISTER IS NO

LONGER FIT TO GOVERN.

3. PRIME MINISTER HAS LEFT HIS RESIDENCE AND IS PRESENTLY AT
U.S. AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE WITH SISOUK AND US ARMY ATTACHE.

4. RLAF GENERALS THONGLITH AND KOUPRASITH ARE DISPATCHING
TROOPS TO WATTAY TO SECURE AIRPORT.

5. LATE REPORT INDICATES THAT T-28 DROPPED SIX BOMBS ON
CHINAIMO CAMP. ASS'T ARMA REPORTS SERIOUS DAMAGE, PLUS SOME
DEAD AND WOUNDED.

6. PAKSE, SAVANNAKHET, AND LUANG PRABANG ARE REPORTED
TO BE QUIET.
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